

REMARKS

The Amendment is response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2004. Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Withdrawn claims 18, 22, 28-33 are cancelled in this Amendment. Claims 16, 17 and 19-21 are allowed and claims 5-11 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 1-4, 12, 13, 15 and 23-27 are rejected. Applicants respond to the Office Action as follows.

**Response to Claim Objections**

Claim 1, line 8 was objected to on the basis that rotatably should be rotatable. Claim 1 has been amended to recite rotatable and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

**Response to Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

Claims 1-4, 12-13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Koenenman et al. Claims 1-4, 12-13 and 15 as amended recite *inter alia* a dispenser including a dispenser carousel including a cone shaped portion and a flange portion and including a blade proximate to and spaced from the flange portion which is not taught nor suggested by Koenenman et al. Reconsideration and allowance of amended claims 1-4, 12-13 and 15 are respectfully requested.

Claims 23-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Goudy et al. Claims 23-25 as amended recite *inter alia* the steps of rotating a dispenser carousel in a first direction in response to a first dispensing command and rotating the dispenser carousel in a second direction in response to a second dispensing command to dispense material which is not taught nor suggested by the system of Goudy as set forth in the Office Action. Claims 26-27 as amended recite *inter alia* slideably removing a cover of a container so that a content of the container is opened to an inlet to a dispenser apparatus which as amended is not taught nor suggested by Goudy. Based upon

the foregoing reconsideration and allowance of claims 26-27 are respectfully requested.

Any inquiry regarding this document may be directed to the undersigned attorney.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY, P.A.

By: 

Deirdre Megley Kvale, Reg. No 35,612.  
Suite 1600 - International Centre  
900 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3319  
Phone: (612) 334-3222 Fax: (612) 334-3312

DMK:lah